(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.

Action against Indian Express Group of Newspapers under Companies Act

1301. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 537 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Economic Offences, Madras has since decided the case under Section 187C of the Companies Act filed by the Registrar of Companies, Bombay against Indian Express Group of Newspapers; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mismanagement at Cancer Research Institute, Kanpur

1302. SHRI B.K, HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is only one specialised Cancer Reserach Institute at Kanpur for the entire UP for treatment of cancer patients;

(b) how many patients are treated there every year and what is the mortality and morbidity rates and also the other details of the working of the Institute;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Radio-therapy machines installed th are are declared 'out of order' on most of the days except for affluent patients, upon illegal considerations; and

(d) whether an open inquiry would be held in the matter and public would be invited to give envidence in confidence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected ' and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment of GSAs by Air India in USA and UK

1303. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether new General Sales Agents have been appointed by Air India in the USA and UK; and

(b) if so, what procedure has been adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIDS Cases

1304. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been an increase in the incidence of AIDS cases in our country; and

(b) if so, how many AIDS cases have been reported during the last three years and what action Government propose to take to bring down such cases which according to researchers would become a major health problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, there has been an increase in the number of AIDS cases reported in the country. This rise has been partly due to the expansion of the network of surveillance contres and intensive screening of high risk groups.

(b) 21 full blown AIDS cases have been detected since last three years in the country;

To prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, National AIDS control Programme is being implemented which has three major components viz. surveillance, Health & Community Education and ensuring safety of blood and blood products.

Surveillance

41 surveillance centres and 4 referral centres had been established in different parts of the country with specific objective of screening persons belonging to high risk groups *i.e.* prostitutes, Hetero-sexually promiscuous males, S. T. D. patients, Blood donors, Inmates of remand homes and foreigners.

Health and Community Education

Health Education activities have been intensified to increase awareness among general public youth and also students of schools and colleges.

Safety of blood and blood products

Another imp ortant measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the surveillance centres and zonal blood testing centres.

To ensure safety of blood products, all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given appropriate instructions.

For clinical management of AIDS cases, facilities have been developed at 13 medical c lieges of the country including All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

R / D Work for New Ayurvedic Medicines

1305. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact thatthereisa demand for new Ayurvedic medicines which have a large market in our country and also there is demand abroad; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to strengther research and development work in this field work so that more new indiganous modicines are produced and brought into the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not conducted any market survey in respect of demand of new Ayurvedic medicine.

(b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha and other research organisations of Indian systems of Medicine are conducting research and developmental activities under their clinical and drug research programmes.